Bowman's Castle (Nemacolin Castle) Corner of Front and Second Streets Brownsville Borough Fayette County Pennsylvania

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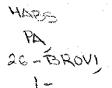
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## ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY		TOWN OR VICINI	
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUOE SOURCE FOR NAME)				HABS NO.
Bowman's Castle				PA-429
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE				
Nemacolin Castle				
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)				
Front and Second Streets				
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SO		ARCHITECT(S) (INC.	LUDE SOURCE)	
1789-1900: constructed in stages, with original log section dating from 1789		Original owner/builder was Jacob Bowman		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUOE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)				
Originally constructed by Jacob Bowman as a trading post & home, Bowman's Castle was both				
an important commercial enterprise on Pennsylvania's frontier and home to one of the area's				
most prominent citizens. Architecturally, the house is a good example of evolutionary change over time.				
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Eclectic, with stylistic motifs added and altered over a 100-year period				
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUOE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)				
Brick, random ashlar on part of first story, coursed ashlar basement				
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHEO FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)				
Irregular plan with projecting bays and octagonal tower, approx. 102'-5" x 59'-9"; 2-1/2				
stories with 3-story tower; gabled roofs EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE				
Bay windows; balconies; battlements on tower and part of main building; bracketed cornices;				
glass enclosed conservatory with arcaded balcony above on west facade; lattice-work porch				
on east facade				
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (OESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)				
Fine interior woodwork and plaster ornament.				
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES				
Portions of original log house still intact in center of building; added to the log house				
were the east wing and octagonal tower, ca. 1835-1840. During the late 19th century, numerous modifications were made including addition of brackets, balconies & conservatory.				
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE				
Restored after 1963 by the Brownsville Historical Society.				
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)				
Listed on National Register of Historic Places.				
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